

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /006 W  
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R 091818Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5355

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SY CHANNEL

FOR A/SY/OPS/T FROM TSO

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION

REF: (A) MOSCOW 16681 (B) STATE 182404

1. ON 4 AUG THE NORTH WALL OF THE CHIMNEY WAS PENETRATED AT THE 4 1/2 FLOOR LEVEL.
2. AIRSPACE ABOUT 7 INCHES WIDE WAS FOUND BETWEEN CHIMNEY WALL AND EXTERIOR WALL OF ATTIC ABOVE BEDROOM OF APARTMENT 4A. VISUAL INSPECTION OF AIRSPACE UP TO CHIMNEY TOP LEVEL SHOWED NO UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.
3. EXTERIOR WALL OF ATTIC WAS PENETRATED AND A VISUAL INSPECTION WAS MADE OO THE ATTIC ABOVE 4A. ONLY NOTEWORTHY DISCOVERY WAS UNBELIEVABLE ACCUMULATION OF PIGEON DEBRIS.
4. TSO CONCLUDES THAT THIS AIRSPACE SERVED A LEGITIMATE PURPOSE IN PROVIDING VENTILATION TO THE BASEMENT AREA OF THE SOVIET APARTMENT

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BUILDING. NO EVIDENCE HAS SURFACED THAT SOVIETS USED THIS AIR SPACE FOR NEFARIOUS PURPOSES. TOON

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